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York-Poquoson Sheriff's Office Announces: Citizen Academy Graduation

On Monday March 28th, 2005 the York-Poquoson Sheriff's Office graduated twelve citizens from the York-Poquoson Sheriff's Office "Citizen Academy". Graduation was held in York Hall. Although graduates are not certified deputies, the program is designed to promote better understanding between the Sheriff's Office and the citizens of York County and the City of Poquoson.

During the eleven week course students saw demonstrations, participated in group discussions and attended presentations by officers and staff members from various divisions that included:

- Emergency Communications
- Accreditation
- Internal Affairs
- Patrol Division
- Emergency Response Team
- Civil & Courtroom Security
- Investigations
- Traffic
- Crime Prevention
- D.A.R.E.
- Commonwealth Attorney
- Victim Witness Program



In addition students were given tours of the Hampton Roads Academy of Criminal Justice, Virginia Peninsula Regional Jail and the Merrimac Detention Home. Each graduate also completed a four-hour ride along with a patrol deputy.

The graduates learned a great deal about the Sheriff's Office and made close friendships with fellow citizens. "This has been an excellent opportunity for people to learn more about the inner-workings of the Sheriff's Office" said York-Poquoson Sheriff J.D. "Danny" Diggs.

Applications are being accepted for the next academy class that will start in May. For more information please go to the Sheriff's Office website located at www.yorkcounty.gov/sheriff. We hope you will consider attending the Sheriff's "Citizen Academy" in the future. There is no cost for the program.